THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

W.P.NO.25837 OF 2005

Dt.12.12.2005

Between:

Peddireddy Krishna Reddy … Petitioner

And

The District Collector, Prakasam District,

Ongole and another. … Respondents

ORDER:

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Civil Supplies.

The petitioner herein was appointed as fair price shop dealer of Murugummi Village, P.C.Palle Mandal, Prakasam District on temporary basis on 3.3.1991 and he has been distributing essential commodities without any complaint whatsoever and he made certain representations to consider his case for appointment as permanent dealer. But, without considering the said representations, a notification dated 1.10.2005 has been issued calling for applications from woman candidates for appointment of permanent dealership for the said fair price shop. It is stated that the said notification has been issued at the instance of the local M.L.A. and the 2nd respondent is taking steps to appoint permanent dealer. Questioning the said action

of the 2nd respondent, this writ petition is filed.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, I am of the opinion that the petitioner has no authority to question the action of the 2nd respondent in appointing the permanent dealer for the said fair price shop. The appointment of the petitioner as a temporary dealer is only an interim measure till the appointment on permanent basis is made. If the petitioner is qualified to be appointed on permanent basis, he has to compete with other qualified persons. However, the said fair price shop has been reserved for women candidates under the rule of reservation. Therefore, the petitioner is not entitled or qualified to be appointed as permanent dealer.

In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, I do not see any merit in the writ petition. The writ petition is accordingly dismissed at the admission stage. No costs.

(V.ESWARAIAH, J.)

12.12.2005

kpr